

Anti. What claime laies she to thee?

Dro. Marry sir, such claime as you would lay to your horse, and she would haue me as a beast, not that I beeing a beast she would haue me, but that she being a verie beastly creature layes claime to me.

Anti. What is she?

Dro. A very reuerent body: I such a one, as a man may not speake of, without he say sir reuerence, I haue but leane lucke in the match, and yet is she a wondrous fat marriage.

Anti. How dost thou meane a fat marriage?

Dro. Marry sir, she's the Kitchen wenche, & al greafe, and I know not what yse to put her too, but to make a Lampe of her, and run from her by her owne light. I warrant, her ragges and the Tallow in them, will burne a Poland Winter: If she liues till doomsday, she'll burne a weeke longer then the whole World.

Anti. What complexion is she of?

Dro. Swart like my shoe, but her face nothing like so cleane kept: for why? she sweats a man may goe ouer-shoes in the grime of it.

Anti. That's a fault that water will mend.

Dro. No sir, 'tis in graine, Noahs flood could not do it.

Anti. What's her name?

Dro. Nell Sir: but her name is three quarters, that's an Ell and three quarters, will not measure her from hip to hip.

Anti. Then she beares some bredth?

Dro. No longer from head to foot, then from hippe to hippe: she is spherically, like a globe: I could find out Countries in her.

Anti. In what part of her body stands Ireland?

Dro. Marry sir in her buttockes, I found it out by the bogges.

Anti. Where Scotland?

Dro. I found it by the barrennesse, hard in the palme of the hand.

Anti. Where France?

Dro. In her forehead, arm'd and reuered, making warre against her heire.

Anti. Where England?

Dro. I look'd for the chalkle Clifles, but I could find no whitenesse in them. But I guesse, it stood in her chin by the salt rheume that ranne betweene France, and it.

Anti. Where Spaine?

Dro. Faith I saw it not: but I felt it hot in her breth.

Anti. Where America, the Indies?

Dro. Oh sir, vpon her nose, all ore embellished with Rubies, Carbuncles, Saphires, declining their rich Aspect to the hot breath of Spaine, who sent whole Armadoes of Carreets to be ballast at her nose.

Anti. Where stood Belgia, the Netherlands?

Dro. Oh sir, I did not looke so low. To conclude, this drudge or Diuiner layd claime to mee, call'd mee *Dromio*, swore I was assur'd to her, told me what prinie markes I had about mee, as the marke of my shoulder, the Mole in my necke, the great Wart on my left arme, that I amaz'd ranne from her as a witch. And I thinke, if my breth had not bene made of faith, and my heart of Steele, she had transform'd me to a Curtull dog, & made me turne i'th wheele.

Anti. Go hee thee presently, post to the rode, And if the winde blow any way from shore, I will not harbour in this Towne to night. If any Barke put forth, come to the Mart,

Where I will walke till thou returne to me:

If euerie one knowes vs, and we know none,

'Tis time I thinke to trudge, packe, and be gone.

Dro. As from a Beare a man would run for life,

So sic I from her that would be my wife.

Anti. There's none but Witches do inhabite heere,

And therefore 'tis hie time that I were hence:

She that doth call me husband, euen my soule

Doth for a wife abhorre. But her faire sister

Possest with such a gentle foueraigne grace,

Of such enchanting presence and discourse,

Hath almost made me Traitor to my selfe:

But least my selfe be guilty to selfe wrong,

Ile stop mine eares against the Mermaids song.

Enter Angelo with the Chaine.

Ang. Mr. Antipholus.

Anti. I that's my name.

Ang. I know it well sir, loe here's the chaine,

I thought to haue tane you at the *Perpetuine*,

The chaine vnfinish'd made me stay thus long.

Anti. What is your will that I shal do with this?

Ang. What please your selfe sir: I haue made it for you.

Anti. Made it for me sir, I bespoke it not.

Ang. Not once, nor twice, but twentie times you haue:

Go home with it, and please your Wife withall,

And soone at supper time Ile visit you,

And then receiue my money for the chaine.

Anti. I pray you sir receiue the money now,

For feare you ne're see chaine, nor money more.

Ang. You are a merry man sir, fare you well. *Exit.*

Anti. What I should thinke of this, I cannot tell:

But this I thinke, there's no man is so vaine,

That would refuse so faire an offer'd Chaine.

I see a man heere needs not lue by shifts,

When in the streets he meetes such Golden gifts:

Ile to the Mart, and there for *Dromio* stay,

If any ship put out, then straight away. *Exit.*

Actus Quartus. Scena Prima.

Enter a Merchant, Goldsmith, and an Officer.

Mar. You know since Pentecost the sum is due, And since I haue not much importun'd you, Nor now I had not, but that I am bound To *Persia*, and want Gilders for my voyage: Therefore make present satisfaction, Or Ile attach you by this Officer.

Gold. Euen iust the sum that I do owe to you,

Is growing to me by *Antipholus*,

And in the instant that I met with you,

He had of me a Chaine, at five a clocke:

I shall receiue the money for the same:

Pleaseth you walke with me downe to his house,

I will discharge my bond, and thanke you too.

Enter Antipholus Ephes Dromio from the Courtizan.

Off. That labour may you saue: See where he comes.

Anti. While I go to the Goldsmiths house, go thou

And

And buy a ropes end, that will I bestow

Among my wife, and their confederates,

For locking me out of my doores by day:

But soft I see the Goldsmith; get thee gone,

Buy thou a rope, and bring it home to me.

Dro. I buy a thousand pound a yeare, I buy a rope.

Eph. *Anti.* A man is well holpe vp that trusts to you,

I promised your presence, and the Chaine,

But neither Chaine nor Goldsmith came to me:

Belike you thought our loue would last too long

If it were chain'd together: and therefore came not.

Gold. Saluing your merrie humor: here's the note

How much your Chaine weighs to the vtmost charact,

The finenesse of the Gold, and chargefull fashion,

Which doth amount to three odde Duckets more

Then I stand debted to this Gentleman,

I pray you see him presently discharg'd,

For he is bound to Sea, and staves but for it.

Anti. I am not furnish'd with the present monie:

Besides I haue some businesse in the towne,

Good Signior take the stranger to my house,

And with you take the Chaine, and bid my wife

Disburse the summe, on the receipt thereof,

Perchance I will be there as soone as you.

Gold. Then you will bring the Chaine to her your

selfe.

Anti. No beare it with you, least I come not time e-

nough.

Gold. Well sir, I will? Haue you the Chaine about

you?

Anti. And if I haue not sir, I hope you haue:

Orelse you may returne without your money.

Gold. Nay come I pray you sir, giue me the Chaine:

Both winde and tide staves for this Gentleman,

And I too blame haue held him heere too long.

Anti. Good Lord, you vse this dalliance to excuse

Your breach of promise to the *Perpetuine*,

I should haue chid you for not bringing it,

But like a shrew you first begin to brawle.

Mar. The houre steales on, I pray you sir dispatch.

Gold. You heare how he importunes me, the Chaine.

Anti. Why giue it to my wife, and fetch your money.

Gold. Come, come, you know I gaue it you euen now:

Either send the Chaine, or send me by some token.

Anti. Fie, now you run this humor out of breath,

Come where's the Chaine, I pray you let me see it.

Mar. My businesse cannot brooke this dalliance,

Good sir say, whe'r you'll answer me, or no:

If not, Ile leave him to the Officer.

Anti. I answer you? What should I answer you,

Gold. The monie that you owe me for the Chaine.

Anti. I owe you none, till I receiue the Chaine.

Gold. You know I gaue it you halfe an houre since.

Anti. You gaue me none, you wrong mee much to

say so.

Gold. You wrong me more sir in denying it.

Consider how it stands vpon my credit.

Mar. Well Officer, arrest him at my suite.

Off. I do, and charge you in the Dukes name to o-

bey me.

Gold. This touches me in reputation.

Either consent to pay this sum for me,

Or I attach you by this Officer.

Anti. Consent to pay thee that I neuer had:

Arrest me foolish fellow if thou dar'st.

Gold. Heere is thy fee,

I would not spare my brother

If he should scorne me for a

Offic. I do arrest you sir

Anti. I do obey thee, til

But sirrah, you shall buy th

As all the mettall in your sh

Gold. Sir, sir, I shall haue

To your notorious shame, I

Enter Dromio Sir

Dro. Master, there's a Ba

That staies but till her Own

And then sir she beares away

I haue conuei'd aboard, and

The Oyle, the *Balsamum*, an

The ship is in her trim, the n

Blowes faire from land: the

But for their Owner, Master

Anti. How now? a Madma

What ship of *Epidamium* sta

S.Dro. A ship you sent n

Anti. Thou drunken slaue

And told thee to what purpo

S.Dro. You sent me for a

You sent me to the Bay sir, fo

Anti. I will debate this m

And teach your eares to list

To *Adriana* Villaine hie the

Giue her this key, and tell he

That's couer'd o're with Tur

There is a purse of Duckets,

Tell her, I am arrested in the

And that shall baile me: hie

On Officer to prison, till it c

S.Dromio. To *Adriana*, t

Where Dowfabell did claime

She is too bigge I hope for m

Thither I must, although aga

For seruants must their Master

Enter Adriana an

Adr. Ah *Luciana*, did he

Might'st thou perceiue auster

That he did plead in earnest,

Look'd he or red or pale, or f

What obseruation mad'st tho

Oh, his hearts Meteors tilting

Luc. First he deni'de you

Adr. He meant he did me

Luc. Then swore he that h

Adr. And true he swore,

were,

Luc. Then pleaded I for y

Adr. And what said he?

Luc. That loue I begg'd f

Adr. With what perfwasi

Luc. With words, that in a

First, he did praise my beautie

Adr. Did'st speake him fai

Luc. Haue patience I bes

Adr. I cannot, nor I will

My tongue, though not my h

He is deformed, crooked, old

Ill-fac'd, worse bodied, shape

Vicious, vngentle, foolish, bl